

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OCTOBER 9, 2012

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, Monday, October 9, 2012 with Commissioners, Marvin Cole, Ken Masters, Deborah Adams, Auditor, and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance. Commissioner Tom Barnes was absent

Commissioner Ken Masters called the meeting to order. Marvin Cole made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 24, 2012 meeting as presented. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FITNESS INITIATIVE TEAM

Thelma Buening representing F.I.T. (Fitness Initiative Team) appeared before the commissioners asking permission to use courthouse during inclement weather. Buening stated that the FIT next walkabout is scheduled for Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. in the courthouse. Marvin Rees will be the tour guide and he will close the gates following the walkabout. Marvin Cole made the motion to allow the usage of the courthouse during inclement weather between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and also between the hours of 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

Chief Deputy Duane Raab, reporting in the absence of Sheriff Jeff Sherwood, reported forty-six (46) inmates incarcerated in the Rush County jail.

EMA

EMA Director Chuck Kemker, informed the commissioners that the county is returning un-established grant monies from the 2003 grant year.

Kemker informed the commissioners that this is Fire Prevention Week and a fire drill will be held Wednesday.

The new District 6 coordinator is Rob Puckett.

I-T

I-T Coordinator Randy Herbert approached the commissioners seeking approval for the purchasing of an exchange server for the court software upstairs. This will provide an upgrade of the current server. Herbert noted that he should have funding for the purchase but he would double check his budget and would like to make the move within the next two weeks. Marvin Cole made the motion to allow the purchase if the funding is within the budget. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A.D.A.

ADA Consultant Keri Grubb updated the commissioners on areas of assessments, recommendations and future plans.

Grubb's provided a copy of the Non-Discrimination Policy, Grievance Procedure, and Complaint Form. ADA Consultants have made recommendations for our review. Leigh Morning will review and share with the committee.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton submitted the monthly highway report for the commissioners to review.

Marvin Cole made the motion to approve Butler, Fairman, Siefert, agreement Supplement #3 for the payment increase of \$11,500.00 in design change on the last Phase of the Carthage Pike. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sitton stated that the bridge inspection contract \$279,600.00 and is every four (4) years. The county cost is \$55,920.00. There are 193 bridges to inspect. Marvin Cole made the motion to award the contract to United Consulting. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried. This will be for the inspection years beginning 2013 and ending 2016.

VACATE ROAD HEARING

The commissioners held a public hearing at 9:30 on a petition filed by Lorretta Solmon regarding the permanent closing of county road 900 S running along the section line between Section 13 and Section 24, Township 12N, Range 9E, Anderson Township, beginning at the east bank of the Little Flatrock River and going east to the west right of way of the now abandoned Rushville-Greensburg railroad.

Several members of the Amish community showed up to voice their opposition to the road closing:

- Abe Keim – Has property on both sides of river, will limit accessibility.
- Richard Schrock – 900 S – uses the road as a short cut so he and his family does not have use St Rd 3 with the horse/buggy
- David Schmidt – Uses the road some, not a lot, it is a safety issue using St Rd 3 with the horse /buggy. He would be willing to pay for some stone for the up keep on the road.
- Richard Yoder – RD 244, uses the road as a short cut, not used a lot, St Rd 3 is a safety issue for horse/buggy and he and his family try to stay away from it.
- Noah Eicher – East of the Property – Use the road quite a bit, leave it open

Mrs. Solmon was at the public hearing and did speak. Mrs. Solmon shared that she had Nothing against the Amish was tired of having trash dumped in the road sides and four-wheelers racing the river banks. Solmon continued to share that when St Rd 3 is closed GPS instructs the car driver to use this road as a turn around. If the road can't be safe stated Solmon, then place a bridge in it. Mrs. Solmon proposed closing the road for safety reasons or provide

police for trash being dumped illegally. Mrs. Solmon also did admit following other previous conversation that the tree that is down across the road was placed there.

Marvin Rees, Surveyor, suggested that Mrs. Solmon contact IDEM or DNR when individuals are in violation of dumping.

Leigh Morning advised the commissioners that they had the options to either Grant, Deny, or Continue the hearing. Marvin Cole made the motion to continue the hearing until November 5, 2012 at 9:30 am. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Frank Denzler, Reporter from the Rushville Republican, asked about the tree that is down will it need to be cleared.

Further discussion of options regarding if the road is kept open were discussed. Marvin Cole made the motion to close the public hearing. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Superior Court Judge Brian Hill came before the commissioners to further discuss community corrections. Marvin Cole made the motion to approve the Department of Correction Contract agreement. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Marvin Cole made the motion to form an Advisory Board. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried. The commissioners appointments to the advisory board will consist of four (4) Lay people of which (one (1) must be a minority), and also one (1) Ex-offender. The board will be advertised to be appointed during the November 5, 2012 meeting.

AUDITOR

Auditor Deborah Adams received approval of payroll for the period ending October 12, 2012 on a motion from Marvin Cole. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bi-weekly claims submitted October 2, 2012 were approved by Marvin Cole. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adams reviewed the submitted appointments to advertise in the newspaper. This is for the period ending October 12, 2012 on a motion from Marvin Cole. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Adams reviewed the submitted appointments to advertise in the newspaper. The commissioners will make these appointments during their November 19, 2012 meeting.

Adams reported that due to the Windows 7 upgrade on the GIS software there has been some compatibility issues between ARC GIS and Windows. An upgrade with Sidwell is now necessary. There is money within the budget for this and to also allow onsite training for Cathy Pratt the GIS specialist. The cost is \$3,332.00

EMS

The commissioners reviewed EMS run reports received from:

Raleigh Fire Dept.

Carthage Vol. Fire Dept.

911

Leigh Morning reported that communication has been received from Frontier regarding the Contract. Morning shared that the county is to receive a corrected billing and this will have no Effect on our credit rating.

Motion to adjourn was received from Marvin Cole. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

<u>absent</u>	<u>/s/Marvin Cole</u>	<u>/s/Ken Masters</u>
Tom Barnes, Chairman	Marvin Cole	Ken Masters

ATTEST:

/s/Deborah C. Adams
Deborah C. Adams, Auditor